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1. SUMMARY: TWENTY DELS SPOKE AT PLENARY SESSION

DESIGNATED TO MARK PASSAGE OF TEN YEARS SINCE SIGNING OF LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY (LTBT). SPEAKERS WERE US, UK, CANADA, NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN; USSR, MONGOLIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, BULGARIA AND ROMANIA; MEXICO, NIGERIA, SWEDEN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, BRAZIL, EGYPT, AND ETHIOPIA. MARTIN (US) AFFIRMED IMPORTANCE OF LTBT IN ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS, SUPPORTED BY HAINWORTH (UK), AND TO LESSER EXTENT BY NISIBORI (JAPAN) WHO CALLED ATTENTION TO HORRORS TO MANKIND OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, CITING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHER DELEGATES FELL INTO ANTICIPATED PATTERNS, WITH COMMUNIST DELEGATES SUPPORTING VALUE OF TREATY BUT BLAMING US FOR FAILURE TO ACHIEVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND STRESSING THAT PRC HAD NOT ACCEDED TO LTBT AND WAS NOT PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB. NON-ALIGNED DELEGATES, AND CANADA AND NETHERLANDS, GENERALLY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT LTBT HAD NOT LED TO ACHIEVEMENT CTB, STRESSED COMMITMENT OF US, UK, AND USSR TO NEGOTIATIONS, AND URGED UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO LTBT. MEXICO AND EGYPT FEARED POSSIBLE PREJUDICE TO NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME. END SUMMARY.

2. GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) WHO WITH SWEDEN WAS PRIME MOVER BEHIND IDEA OF HAVING PLENARY SESSION DEVOTED TO LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY, WAS FIRST, AND MOST LENGTHY SPEAKER IN EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT OF NON-ALIGNED DELEGATES THAT CTB, AS PLEDGED IN LTBT, HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED. HE SUGGESTED THAT "FUTURE OF BOTH THE PARTIAL TEST BAN-- WHICH DOES NOT HAVE ANY PROVISION FOR (REVIEW) CONFERENCE BUT DOES CONTAIN A WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE--AND THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY MAY BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED". KHALLAF (EGYPT, IN SIMILAR VEIN, SAID THAT CONTINUED TESTING MIGHT PROMPT NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS TO REASSESS THEIR NUCLEAR POSITIONS, DESPITE THE NPT. ALL NON-ALIGNED SPEAKERS CRITICIZED NUCLEAR PARTIES TO LTBT FOR LACKING POLITICAL WILL TO NEGOTIATE CTB AND FOR FORGETTING HIGH PURPOSE OF LTBT OF WORKING TO END ARMS RACE. AMB MYRDAL (SWEDEN) TERMED OCCASION "DAY OF MOURNING".

3. AMB MARTIN (US) AFFIRMED ROLE OF CCD IN LTBT NEGOTIATIONS AND IMPORTANCE OF TREATY IN ADVANCING ARMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTROL EFFORTS, ATTRIBUTING TO IT VERY GREAT REDUCTION IN RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION; CONSTRAINTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES; IMPETUS TOWARD ADDITIONAL MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS; AND PROMOTION EAST-WEST DETENTE. AMB HAINWORTH (UK) UNDERLINED VALUE OF LTBT AS ARMS CONTROL MEASURE BY LISTING NUMBER OF NATIONS WHO WERE GENERALLY THOUGHT IN MID-SIXTIES TO BE CAPABLE OF ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WHO BECAME

PARTIES TO LTBT. AMB NISIBORI (JAPAN) CALLED TREATY "IMPORTANT LANDMARK" AND CALLED ON DELS TO "CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS TOWARD A NEXT LANDMARK, A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN." HE CITED MORTALITY FIGURES RESULTING FROM BOMBS DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI TO SHOW HORRORS OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AMB ROSENBERG POLAK (NETHERLANDS) AND AMB BARTON (CANADA) URGED ALL NATIONS TO ADHERE TO THE PARTIAL TEST BAN AND STRESSED THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A CTB.

4. AMB ROSHCHIN (USSR) REMINDED CCD THAT PARTIAL APPROACH TO ELIMINATING THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAD PROVED MOST SUCCESSFUL AND LTBT "OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT" IN THIS PROCESS. HE CREDITED TREATY WITH REDUCING RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION, SLOWING DOWN ARMS RACE, CONTRIBUTING TO FURTHER ARMS CONTROL MEASURES, AND LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENTS OF 1972 AND 1973. HE BLAMED FAILURE TO ACHIEVE CTB ON "LACK OF WILLINGNESS OF SOME STATES TO TAKE A POLITICAL DECISION." THIS CHARGE WAS ECHOED IN STATEMENTS BY SOVIET-ALLIED DELS. AMB ROSHCHIN ALSO REFERRED TO VARIOUS CCD PROPOSALS FOR PARTIAL MEASURES, SUCH AS A MORATORIUM, PROHIBITION OF TESTS ABOVE A CERTAIN THRESHOLD, REDUCTION IN NUMBER AND YIELD OF TESTS CARRIED OUT, OR UNILATERAL SUSPENSION, AND REJECTED SUCH APPROACHES AS LEADING TO ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES.

5. NEXT PLENARY MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

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